

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 2 Regan Court, Mathias Building #56, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 1:00 P.M.

Called To Order:

Acting Chairman Blackburn called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present were Acting Chairman Blackburn and Commissioners Booth, Thornton, Jackson, Sylvester and Richard.

Absent were Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Filippi, Pearson and Walker.

Also present were Executive Director W. Keith Burlingame, Esq. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

Approvals of minutes of the previous:

Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth to approve the Fire Board hearing minutes from September 16, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

APPEAL #060038D: Warwick Public School, for the property located at 789 Post Road, Warwick (Aldrich Junior High School). ADSFM

Peter Marietti appeared for the Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to grant the Applicant a time variance until September 1, 2016 to submit a plan of action to either close this facility or bring this facility into full compliance with the RI Fire Code. The Board directed the Applicant to return with a status update in June of 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #060039C: Warwick Public School, for the property located at 69 Draper Street, Warwick (Gorton Junior High School). ADSFM Peter Marietti appeared for the Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to grant the Applicant a time variance until September 1, 2016 to submit a plan of action to either close this facility or bring this facility into full compliance with the RI Fire Code. The Board direct the Applicant to return to with a status report in June of 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #140101: Mr. Thomas Gotauco, for the property located at 86 Slocum Road, North Kingstown. ADSFM Gordon Walsh appeared for the North Kingstown Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action for the installation of a local fire alarm system and any other deficiencies deemed necessary by the North Kingstown Fire Marshal's Office and an additional one hundred fifty (150) days to

implement that plan, with the North Kingstown Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The Board granted the Applicant a variance to allow the cooking equipment to be used on a limit based of two hours a week. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #140090: The Applicant for the Young Family Farm did not appear for the hearing regarding property located at 260 West Main Road, Little Compton. The Applicant sent a letter dated September 22, 2014, which requested a variance from RIGL section 23.28.19 (which allows thirty (30) days for a tent to be erected). ADSFM Randy Watt appeared for the Little Compton Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant's request for a variance to allow a tent to be erected and maintained from July 1 through November 30, on an annual basis, the Little Compton Fire Marshal's Office had no objection to the Applicant variance. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #140097: Elmhurst House, for the property located at 55 Waterman Avenue, North Providence. ADSFM John Horan and ADSFM Michael Rizzo appeared for the North Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action for the replacement of all single-and multiple-station smoke alarms throughout this facility and to provide this facility with smoke detectors in the stairwells, at the

direction and to the satisfaction of the North Providence Fire Marshal's Office and an additional one hundred and fifty (150) days to implement that plan. The Board authorized the North Providence Fire Marshal's Office to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #140100: Mr. Kenneth P. DeFino, for the property located at 74 Newell Street, West Warwick. ADSFM James Bobola appeared for the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action for the installation of the fire alarm system and to correct any other deficiencies deemed necessary by the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office and an additional one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan, with the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of fourteen (14) days to install fire extinguisher in the facility and to paint the wood paneled apartment doors with a intumescent paint and install self-closing devices on all apartment doors at direction and to the satisfaction of the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. The Applicant was grant a time variance of five (5) business days to have smoke / carbon monoxide detector installed in this facility. The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioner Richard abstaining from the vote.

APPEAL #140109: Michael J. Warner, Architect, for the property located at 640-648 Elmwood Avenue, Providence. ADSFM Keith Maine appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit plan of action to bring the fire alarm in this facility into compliance and an additional one hundred and fifty (150) days to implement that plan, with the Providence Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The Board granted the Applicant the following variances from NFPA 72: to allow the existing manual fire alarm boxes to remain in use, to allow the existing fire alarm notification to remain in use, to allow the existing fire alarm control unit to remain in use in its present location based upon existing condition and a structural hardship. The Board granted the Applicant the following variances: to allow the existing single-action manual fire alarm box to remain in use, to allow the existing wiring to remain in use. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Commissioner Sylvester informed the Fire Board that he is support of the fire-work legislation being submit by Representative Corvese and would like the Fire Board to also support this legislation. The Board has not seen the legislation that is being presented and is requesting a copy to look over before making a decision. At this time

Commissioner Sylvester state he would provide the Board with a copy.

Correspondences / Announcements:

The State Fire Marshal's Office also stated their office is in support of banning fireworks in the State of RI. They office would have no object to the legislation being submitted 2015 by Representative Corvese.

Open Forum / Public Comment:

Adjournment:

Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard to adjourn meeting at 2:15 P.M.